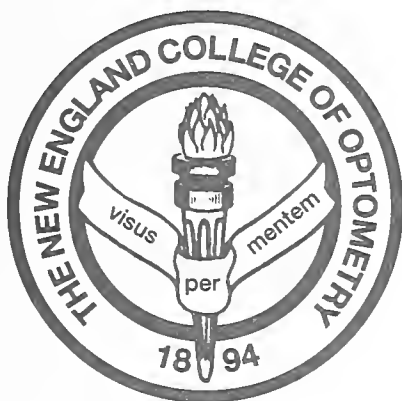


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# THE NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE of OPTOMETRY

## *Commencement Exercises* **2007**



**"113 Years of Excellence in Optometric Education"**

*Sunday, the Third of June*  
*Two Thousand Seven*  
*Boston Marriott Copley Place*  
*Boston, Massachusetts*



*The New England College of Optometry  
joins our graduates in thanking  
their families and friends  
for their unwavering support and encouragement.*



# Commencement Program

## Processional

*Marshall*

Daniel Kurtz, OD

## Welcome

Elizabeth Chen, *President*

Francis L. DiMella, AIA, *Chairman, Board of Trustees,  
The New England College of Optometry*

James Hooley, MSW, *Chairman, Board of Directors,  
New England Eye Institute, Inc.*

Philip Sutherland, OD, *President, Alumni Association*

## Conferral of Honorary Degree

Irving Fradkin, OD, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

*Comments*

## Valedictory Address

Bryan Daniel Murphy, *Class of 2007*

## Presentation of Candidates for Master of Science in Vision Science Degrees

Steven Koevary, PhD, *Interim Vice President & Dean of Academic Affairs*

*Hooding the Candidates:*

David Troilo, PhD, *Director of Graduate Studies*

## Presentation of Candidates for Doctor of Optometry Degrees

Steven Koevary, PhD, *Interim Vice President & Dean of Academic Affairs*

*Hooding the Candidates:*

Barry Barresi, OD, PhD, *President, New England Eye Institute, Inc.*

David Troilo, PhD, *Faculty Chair*

## Conferral of Degrees

Elizabeth Chen, *President*

## Pledge

President Chen leads the graduates in the Optometric Oath

## Recessional

*Reception immediately following the ceremony*

# Doctor of Optometry Degree Recipients

Suraj Sadeghi Afshar  
Yasmin Ahmed  
Ruth Alerte  
Henna Asghar +  
Mitzy M. Attokaren  
Sylvester Amiolemen Ayewoh +  
Stephanie Alissa Battista  
James R. Belanger  
Grace Kim Bernardez-Fu  
Sheetal Bhaga  
Shailinder Singh Bhullar

Julie Ann Blacksmith  
Clark C. Bowden  
Nathan Thomas Brady  
Sonnie Alana Bryant  
Kelly J. Bush  
Candice Christina Cain  
Courtney Lynn Case  
Elizabeth Y. Cheng  
Qiaomei Cheng \*  
Sivan Andrew Chong  
Sarah Anne Ciampa  
Ross Ira Clair  
Jaime Brooke Cohen  
Justin Michael Cole  
Brad Thomas Cunningham  
Rebecca Marie Dreibelbis  
Rambod A. Esfandiari  
Jessica Frances Fiechl  
Sarah Jayne Gladstone  
Erin Leigh Goga  
Praveena Kumari Gupta \*  
Chrystie Tamara Haynes  
Sarah Alma Hetu  
Michael W. Hill  
Liang Hu \*#  
Helen Huang  
Ali Hussen  
Mila Ioussifova  
Robert Paul Jordan  
Xenya Eve Kocylowsky  
Thuyanh Le #  
Jenée Suzanne Lee  
John Young Lee  
Martin Manting Lee \* #  
Stephanie Lee  
Lucienne Leroy

Lowell, MA  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Jersey City, New Jersey  
Derby, England  
Roswell, GA  
Austell, GA  
Brookline, MA  
Portsmouth, NH  
Seattle, WA  
El Paso, TX  
New Westminster, British Columbia,  
Canada  
Hazen, ND  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada  
Mooresville, NC  
Traverse City, MI  
Yadkinville, NC  
Oldsmar, FL  
Newton, MA  
West Roxbury, MA  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Winthrop, MA  
Oriskany Falls, NY  
Franklin, MI  
Dunkirk, NY  
Gilbertsville, PA  
Williston, VT  
San Diego, CA  
Lexington, TN  
Bangor, ME  
Wausau, Wisconsin  
Garland, TX  
Queens, NY  
Cumberland, RI  
Harwich, MA  
Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China  
Walnut, CA  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Eugene, OR  
Norwood, MA  
Alpine, NJ  
Newton, MA  
Stockton, CA  
Tacoma, WA  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
Suisun City, CA  
Brooklyn, NY

Effie Lilas  
Tiffany Yi-Tin Lu  
Ronnie Ching Hei Mak  
Tammy Theresa Mann  
Regan Sarah Marquis  
Maria Briceno Martin  
Dimitri A. Matveev  
Eugene Matveev  
Macey Erin M<sup>c</sup>Aleer  
James Richard Mertz, Jr. \*  
Jennifer Miranda Moncada  
Yun-Ping Moore  
Bryan Daniel Murphy  
Lisa M. Murray  
Farah Nasser  
Tam Nguyen  
Thuy-Hien Thi Nguyen  
Ioanis Vasilios Panagiotopoulos  
Ami Lalit Patel  
Keyur Patel +  
Ritesh B. Patel  
Vaihari Patel  
Kristine Thuy-Linh Pham  
Maria Beatrice Pitcher  
Emily C. Pridgen  
Kristin Ann Protosow  
Jeremy Earl Prudhomme  
Nicole Stacey Ptashkin  
Ginger Colleen Purpura  
Aruna S. Rajagopalan + #  
Tapasya Ranjan  
Ayana Crushawn Robateau  
Alex Oleg Russakovsky  
Susan Elizabeth Rzepka  
Maria P. Sampalis  
Mary Lynn Schettini  
Stephanie Ann Schultz  
Ryan Patrick Shea  
Kara B. Silverberg  
Mahmood A. Sindhu \*  
Sarah Ann Singleton  
Natalie Justina Skokandic  
Justin Bradley Smith  
Sidet Sou  
Kristin Marie Stanley  
Jennifer Lynn Stewart  
Sonia Tan  
Danette Clare Paula Thomas  
Zoya Tolchin  
Evan Ei-Cheng Tong  
Nhuan Quang Tran  
Nhan Hanh Truong  
Lana G-Svetlana Tsesler

Homer Glen, IL  
San Jose, CA  
Marietta, GA  
Palos Park, IL  
Millinocket, ME  
Miami Lakes, FL  
Springfield, MA  
St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada  
Garner, NC  
Plymouth, MA  
Miami, FL  
Boston, MA  
Duxbury, MA  
Falmouth, MA  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Quincy, MA  
Quincy, MA  
Lowell, MA  
Ormond Beach, FL  
London, UK  
Marietta, OH  
Brighton, MA  
San Diego, CA  
San Mateo, CA  
Raleigh, NC  
Mt. Sinai, NY  
Boston, MA  
Cherry Hill, NJ  
Lynn, MA  
Palatine, IL  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Columbus, GA  
West Roxbury, MA  
Whitesboro, NY  
Cranston, RI  
Katonah, NY  
Coventry, RI  
Edgartown, MA  
Bethany, CT  
Jersey City, NJ  
Encino, CA  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
Gloucester, MA  
Jacksonville, FL  
Franklin Square, NY  
Newburgh, NY  
San Jose, CA  
Boston, MA  
Stoughton, MA  
Sharon, MA  
Garland, TX  
Dallas, TX  
Newton, MA

Joel Robert Tuite  
Angela An-Chi Tzyy  
Maria Fernanda Varela  
Lorin Eames Vogel  
Karen Lee Wadhams  
Salina Wazir  
Jana Wegrzyn  
Molly E. Wood  
Xiaomin Wu \* #  
Lijing Yao \*  
Garret M. Yokoi  
Sung Mi Yom  
Kimberly Allison Zimmerman

Littleton, NH  
Sunnyvale, CA  
Deer Park, NY  
Los Angeles, CA  
Stilwell, KS  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Brookhaven, NY  
Bellefonte, PA  
Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China  
San Jose, CA  
Oxnard, CA  
Boston, MA  
Plant City, FL

\* Accelerated Optometric Degree Program

+ Advanced Standing International Program

# Degree to be conferred in September or December

## Master of Science in Vision Science Degree Recipients

Stephanie Alissa Battista  
Tam Nguyen

Brookline, MA  
Quincy, MA

## Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Lauren Beth Kain  
Suraj Sharma

Cheshire, CT  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

*The information in this program should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquiries should be directed to the Registrar's Office*



## 2007 Honorary Degree Recipient

Irving A. Fradkin, OD  
Doctor of Humane Letters

**Dr. Fradkin, a Fall River, Mass. Optometrist, is a NECO graduate, class of 1943. He is founder of the 50-year-old Scholarship America Program, including Dollars for Scholars, which has raised and awarded over \$1.5 billion to 1.5 million students nationally over the course of its history. One of the first checks came from Eleanor Roosevelt. Dr. Fradkin has pursued a dream of giving America's youth the opportunity for post secondary education by reducing dropout rates, prison populations, drug abuse and crime by building a better America, one community at a time. Dr. Fradkin embodies our commitment to education, patient care, and community service for the under-served.**

*Aristotle once said, "All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth."*



# Candidates for Residency Certification

## *Cornea and Contact Lenses*

Navpreet Johar, OD  
Andrew McLeod, OD, MS

The New England College of Optometry  
The New England College of Optometry

## *Community Health Optometry*

Onah Cho, OD  
Komal Thakore, OD

Dimock Community Health Center  
Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

## *Ocular Disease*

Scott Huffer, OD  
Brian Wolff, OD

Manchester VA Medical Center  
Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston

## *Pediatric Optometry*

Jennifer Hartzell, OD  
Catherine Johnson, OD

The New England College of Optometry  
The New England College of Optometry

## *Primary Eye Care*

Francisco Dozon, OD  
Lauren Guzik, OD  
Julie Sheen, OD

VA Vermont-White River Junction campus  
VA Connecticut - Newington campus  
VA Connecticut - Newington campus

## *Primary Eye Care - Geriatric Optometry*

Dorothy Wang, OD

Bedford VA Medical Center

## *Primary Eye Care – Ocular Disease*

Megan Cope, OD  
Randy Gunia, OD

VA Boston-Brockton campus  
VA Boston-Jamaica Plain campus

Kristen Lamoreau, OD  
Autumn Jackson, OD  
Deborah Lee, OD  
Elizabeth Martin, OD  
Nicole Rabideau, OD  
Elizabeth Skeya, OD  
Karen Summers, OD

VA Boston-West Roxbury campus  
VA Boston- Brockton campus  
VA Boston Brockton/Worcester campuses  
VA Boston-Jamaica Plain campus  
VA Boston- Brockton campus  
VA Boston- Jamaica Plain campus  
VA Boston- West Roxbury campus

## *Primary Eye Care - Low Vision Rehabilitation*

Jazmin Logendra, OD  
Jerome Radliff, OD  
Heidi Wilenburg, OD

VA Connecticut - West Haven campus  
VA Connecticut - West Haven campus  
VA Connecticut - West Haven campus

## Personal Achievement Awards

<b>F. Dow Smith Award</b>	<i>Justin Bradley Smith</i>
<b>Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Award</b>	<i>Sarah Alma Hetu</i>
<b>National Optometric Student Association Award</b>	<i>Danette Clare Paula Thomas</i>
<b>Dr. Edward Joseph Troendle, Jr. Award</b>	<i>Ritesh B. Patel</i>
<b>Alumni Association Award</b>	<i>Garnet M. Yokoi</i>

## Academic Awards

<b>Valedictory and Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal</b>	<i>Bryan Daniel Murphy</i>
<b>Salutatory</b>	<i>Emily C. Pridgen</i>
<b>Advanced Standing International Program Scholastic Achievement Award</b>	<i>Henna Asghar</i>
<b>William R. Baldwin Scholastic Achievement Award</b>	<i>Mahmood A. Sindhu</i>



## Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society

Henna Asghar  
Julie Ann Blacksmith \*  
Nathan Thomas Brady \*  
Sonnie Alana Bryant \*  
Courtney Lynn Case \*  
Rebecca Marie Dreibelbis \*  
Jessica Fiechtl \*  
Sarah Jayne Gladstone  
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Ronnie Ching Hei Mak  
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Maria Beatrice Pitcher \*  
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Aruna S. Rajagopalan  
Stephanie Ann Schultz \*  
Mahmood A. Sindhu  
Justin Bradley Smith  
Kristen Marie Stanley  
Jennifer Lynn Stewart \*  
Nhan Hanh Truong  
Joel Robert Tuite  
Garnet M. Yokoi  
Sung Mi Yom \*

***\*Four-Year Participation***

## Clinical Awards

<b>Alcon Award</b>	<i>Molly E. Wood</i>
<b>Asarkof Scholarship</b>	<i>Mila Ioussifova</i>
<b>ASCO Clinical Ethics Award</b>	<i>Sarah Alma Hetu</i>
<b>William C. Barrett Memorial Scholarship</b>	<i>Julie Ann Blacksmith</i>
<b>Class of 1969 Scholarship</b>	<i>Justin Michael Cole</i>
<b>Eschenbach Award for Excellence in Low Vision</b>	<i>Ami Lalit Patel</i>
<b>William Feinbloom Low Vision Award</b>	<i>Keyur Patel</i>
<b>David J. Kerko Low Vision Award</b>	<i>Ioanis Vasilios Panagiotopoulos</i>
<b>Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award</b>	<i>Suraj Sadeghi Afshar</i>
<b>The New England College of Optometry Clinic Award</b>	<i>Julie Ann Blacksmith</i>
<b>RGP Lens Institute Award</b>	<i>Clark C. Bowden</i>
<b>Ira Schwartz Behavioral Vision Award</b>	<i>Maria Fernanda Varela</i>
<b>Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lenses</b>	<i>Jennifer Lynn Stewart</i>
<b>Vision Service Plan Award</b>	<i>Jennifer Lynn Stewart Julie Ann Blacksmith</i>

## Faculty Awards

**Foster Namias Award**

*Erik Weissberg, O.D.*

**Carroll Martus Award**

*Shital Mani, O.D.*



*The New England College of Optometry welcomes  
the following returning 50<sup>th</sup> reunion alumni:*

*Martin Baer, OD  
Howard M. Coleman, OD  
Lynde H. Kimball, OD  
James R. Prince, OD, FAAO  
Robert M. Shulman, OD*

# Academic Heraldry

The caps, gowns and hoods worn at College functions have their origins in the robes worn by monks and students in the middle ages to keep out the cold and damp. Today, the academic regalia have been standardized by tradition and agreement among institutions of higher learning.

The gowns for bachelor degrees have long, pointed sleeves and are worn closed. Masters degree holders wear gowns with oblong sleeves open at the wrist. The gown may be worn open or closed. Gowns for the doctoral degree carry long velvet panels down the front and have three velvet bars on the full sleeves. The velvet may be black or of a color distinctive to the field of study for which the degree is given. Gowns are usually black, but a few institutions now prescribe colors representative of the school.

Caps, also called mortarboards, may be of cloth or, for the doctoral outfit, velvet. The tassel is black or of a color appropriate to the field of study. Doctoral tassels may be gold.

The colors on the hoods provide the institutional identity and signify the field of study. The style of the hood is specific to the degree level, with doctoral hoods being larger, with wider velvet borders, and with a panel at the back. The silk lining of the hood is in the institutional colors and the velvet borders signify the field of the degree. Commonly seen colors are:

Arts, letters, humanities:	white
Architecture:	brown
Dentistry:	lilac
Education:	light blue
Law:	purple
Library science:	lemon yellow
Medicine:	green
Optometry:	seafoam green
Philosophy:	dark blue
Public Administration:	peacock blue
Public Health:	salmon pink

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Alison Bibbons Ward

# The Optometric Oath\*

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standard, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

*\*Adopted by the American Optometric Association and by  
the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry*



